



Notes from the Director

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CONTACT WITH CONSUMERS

In the last two weeks we have had a number of interesting contacts with some of our key consumers:

- The Vice President came to the Agency for a working luncheon-discussion with ten of our analysts on some of the foreign policy issues in which he is involved,
- Three of our analysts talked with Mrs. Carter about her trip to South America,
- Dr. Brzezinski and key members of his staff came to the Agency to discuss how we can better serve the White House needs and to see our facilities,
- Ambassador Andrew Young came out to discuss various African situations with various DDI and NIO people.

We are anxious to understand what support these and other customers need in the policy work that they are doing and these contacts will help us to serve them better.

ENERGY STUDIES

Our several energy studies continue to draw considerable attention and to hold up well. Last week OER participated in a public discussion of them with members of the business community at the Department of Commerce. They released an additional study on Chinese oil production and backup data on the Soviet energy situation. Our reports have stimulated a very useful debate and illuminated a critical problem of the world energy outlook.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY REORGANIZATION

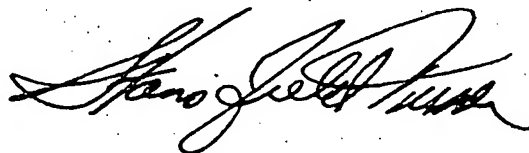
We have had several high-level meetings on the proposed reorganization plans. I believe that we are nearing a conclusion on this question and will advise you as soon as decisions are made. In the meantime I recommend being cautious about accepting the various rumors that seem to be running around.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENTS

I told you I would keep you advised of the status of our budget as we progressed through various stages of review and decision. We have received the mark-up of the FY78 budget from the House Appropriations Committee and should receive the corresponding mark-up from the Senate Appropriations Committee this week. Although our initial analysis indicates we will be appealing a number of the items identified for reduction, we were gratified by the generally favorable tone of the commentary in the House report and anticipate a similar expression of satisfaction from the Senate.

HIRING OF ANNUITANTS

As I have stated previously, I am anxious to insure that we offer good promotional opportunities for our younger professionals and an accession of new career talent. To help achieve this, I want to restrict lateral input of retirees into positions that could be filled from within our own ranks. I have undertaken the establishment of a new procedure which must be followed in hiring annuitants from any government service. This procedure restricts and controls hiring but does not prohibit it under certain circumstances. I recognize my responsibility to give consideration to hiring any qualified United States citizen for a position where a need exists; however, I also recognize the responsibility to our currently serving career employees in assuring that they have an opportunity to compete for any vacancy for which they are qualified.



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